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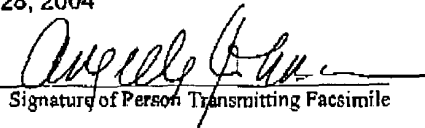
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of ~~providing a pharmacological agent to an eye for ophthalmologic use, that causes little or no damage to the retina, even when used long term, treating an eye~~ comprising the step of applying at least one highly fluorinated oligomeric compound of the general formula